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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CRM M 40185-2023
Date of Decision 17.08.2023*Parmod Mittal**.....Petitioner**versus**State of Punjab**...Respondent***Coram Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajbir Sehrawat**

Present: Mr. Nirmal Singh Kandhola, Advocate for the petitioner

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Rajbir Sehrawat, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, praying for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 112 dated 25.05.2023, registered under Sections 419, 420, 468 and 471 of the Indian Penal Code, at Police Station City Sunam, District Sangrur (Annexure P-1).

It is submitted by counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is an agent of the BSNL for procuring connections business. In the process, he had only sent the forms of the intending customers to the BSNL for getting the SIM cards issued. Therefore, the petitioner has no adverse role in the process at all. There is no other case against the petitioner.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Sandeep Singh, Additional Advocate General, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent – State.

Counsel for the State, being assisted by ASI Ranjit Singh, has submitted that the petitioner is found involved in the heinous crime of

getting issued the multiple SIM cards on the same identity; which could have played havoc on the general public. So far as the role of the petitioner is concerned, it was his duty to first get verified the *bio-metric* and then sent the verified form/application to the BSNL for further action. Therefore, the entire fault lies with the petitioner only. The police are to unearth the true dimensions of the crime, in which, the petitioner is found to be involved. Therefore, the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is imperative in this case.

In view of the facts and circumstances of the case and submissions made by learned counsel for the State, this Court does not find it appropriate to interfere and to grant concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

Dismissed.

(Rajbir Sehrawat)
Judge

August 17, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No